GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:425
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LOSS MAKING AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the airports in the country run by the Airports Authority of India are loss making;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to start commercial activities at some of the loss making airports so as to compensate the losses;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to make these airports viable?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.425 dated 22.12.2005 regarding Loss Making Airports.

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Out of 126 airports managed by Airports Authority of India (AAI), 86 airports are operational of which only 10 airports made profits and 76 airports made losses during 2004-05.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The commercial facilities/ schemes planned by AAI to mitigate the losses at loss-making airports, inter-alia, include setting up snack bar counters, coffee shops, ATM, Tea/Coffee/Soft Drink Vending Machines, Tele-communication facility, Travellers Requisite Stalls, Car Rental, Hotel Reservation, Advertising dispaly rights, branded outlets etc.

(e) AAI has initiated action to increase the non-traffic revenue, wherever possible, and to reduce the controllable expenditure. Besides, AAI has plans to create a subsidiary company for carrying out ground handling activities of the airlines on commercial terms and to allot the contracts of aviation refueling outlets, branded fast food outlets etc.